

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method comprising:  
posting an electronic form which displays criteria for infringement of a particular patent  
and accepts first user input to identify an infringement target and second user  
input to describe how the infringement target meets the criteria.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic form comprises a plurality of  
input boxes to accept the second user input.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein each of the plurality input boxes is  
associated with a respective one of the criteria.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the electronic form has a plurality of  
display portions each to display a respective one of the criteria, and wherein each of the plurality  
of input boxes is positioned adjacent to one of the plurality of display portions to receive a  
portion of the second user input which describes how the infringement target meets the  
respective one of the criteria.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the display portions are arranged in a first  
column of the electronic form, and wherein the input boxes are arranged in a second column of  
the electronic form.
6. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the criteria comprises a plurality of claim  
limitations, and wherein each of the claim limitations is associated with one of the plurality of  
display portions is associated with one of the plurality of input boxes.
7. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the electronic form comprises an input box  
to accept the first user input.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic form comprises a Web form.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the infringement target is identified by a product name in the first user input.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the infringement target is identified by a company name in the first user input.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
receiving an infringement submission made by a user via the electronic form; and  
evaluating the infringement submission based on the first user input and the second user input.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said evaluating is performed by a patent attorney.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:  
compensating the user if the infringement submission is evaluated to be a first-received on-point submission for the infringement target.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said compensating the user is conditioned on a deal with the infringement target.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said compensating the user comprises providing the user a fixed fee.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said compensating the user comprises providing the user a fee commensurate with compensation from a deal with the infringement target.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:  
recording a date and a time associated with the infringement submission.
19. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising:  
sending, to the user, a message to acknowledge receipt of the infringement submission,  
the message indicating the date and the time associated with the infringement  
submission.
20. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic form is posted on an  
intranet.
21. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic form is posted on the  
Internet.
22. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the second user input comprises graphical  
input.
23. (Cancelled)
24. (Original) An article comprising:  
a computer-readable medium having stored thereon an electronic form to display criteria  
for infringement of a particular patent and to accept first user input to identify an  
infringement target and second user input to describe how the infringement target  
meets the criteria.
25. (Original) The article of claim 24 wherein the electronic form comprises a plurality  
of input boxes to accept the second user input.
26. (Original) The article of claim 25 wherein each of the plurality of input boxes is  
associated with a respective one of the criteria.

27. (Original) The article of claim 25 wherein the electronic form has a plurality of display portions each to display a respective one of the criteria, and wherein each of the plurality of input boxes is adjacent to one of the plurality of display portions to receive a portion of the second input that describes how the infringement target meets the respective one of the criteria.

28. (Original) The article of claim 27 wherein the plurality of display portions are arranged in a first column of the electronic form, and wherein the plurality of input boxes are arranged in a second column of the electronic form.

29. (Original) The article of claim 27 wherein the criteria comprises a plurality of claim limitations, and wherein each of the claim limitations has an associated one of the plurality of display portions and an associated one of the plurality of input boxes.

30. (Original) The article of claim 25 wherein the electronic form comprises an input box to accept the first user input.

31. (Original) The article of claim 25 wherein each of the plurality of input boxes is to receive natural language textual input.

32. (Original) The article of claim 24 wherein the electronic form comprises a Web form.

33. (Original) The article of claim 24 wherein the second user input comprises graphical input.

34. (Original) The article of claim 24 wherein the criteria is translated from a first language to a second language.

35. (New) The method of claim 12 further comprising:  
providing a trust mechanism to discourage a user from providing a non-useful infringement submission.

36. (New) A method comprising:

posting an electronic form which displays criteria for infringement of a particular patent and accepts first user input to identify infringement target information and second user input to describe how the infringement target meets the criteria, wherein the infringement target information does not predate the filing date of the particular patent;

receiving an infringement submission made via the electronic form; and

evaluating the infringement submission based on the first user input and the second user input.